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National Maritime Quarantine, Montauk Point, Long Island, N. Y.

Statement of transports which have arrived at Montauk Point (Camp Wikoff) August 16 to August 25, showing number of troops arriving thereon, number of sick, and number of yellow fever cases and deaths reported to have occurred on same.

Date.	Name of transport.	Number of troops.	Number of sick.	Remarks.
Aug. 18	Ss. Comanche.....	488	114	No yellow fever.
Aug. 19	Ss. Mobile.....	1,600	30	No yellow fever; 10 deaths en route.
Aug. 20	Ss. Rio Grande.....	636	30	No yellow fever.
Do...	Ss. Breakwater.....	345	50	No yellow fever; 8 deaths en route.
Do...	Ss. Olivette.....	275	30	No yellow fever; 8 deaths en route. Steamship Olivette ordered to Boston to place sick in hospital there. Left August 22.
Aug. 21	Ss. City of Macon...	462	92	No yellow fever; 2 deaths en route.
Do...	Ss. Montera.....	312	20	No yellow fever.
Aug. 22	Ss. Leona.....	528	104	Do.
Aug. 23	Ss. Resolute.....	688	61	No yellow fever; no deaths.
Do...	Ss. Badger.....	186	82	Do.
Do...	Ss. Arcadia.....	185	27	Do.
Aug. 24	Ss. Yale.....	1,069	178	No yellow fever; 1 death en route.
Aug. 25	Ss. Mohawk.....	1,199	130	One suspicious case; 1 death en route.

The yellow fever situation at Key West.

No new cases of yellow fever at Key West have been reported since the 17th instant, and State Health Officer Porter has not as yet concurred in the diagnosis of yellow fever, which was originally made by Dr. Sweeting, the local representative of the Florida State board of health, and afterwards confirmed by a consultation of physicians, of whom Passed Assistant Surgeon G. M. Guitèras, United States Marine-Hospital Service, was one.

Surgeon R. D. Murray and Surgeon A. H. Glennan have arrived at Key West, and the former, while reserving his opinion for the present,

admits that the cases are very suspicious ones. In the meantime, precautions are being observed with reference to the exportation of the disease.

No one not immune (and they only after thorough disinfection of their effects) has, since the 18th instant, been permitted to leave the city except through the United States Marine-Hospital Service Camp of Detention at Egmont Key, Fla., to which place those desirous of leaving the city have to be removed and held for observation during the period of incubation of yellow fever. Seventy-three persons were sent to this camp on the 22d instant. Those leaving under these conditions are furnished with a certificate of health by the State health officer, which allows the bearer to proceed to other parts of Florida or elsewhere.

Arrangements have been completed for a marine patrol of the island of Key West by revenue cutter and naval tugs to prevent surreptitious transportation of passengers and their effects, by means of small vessels, from Key West to points on the adjacent mainland. A guard has been stationed at the north end of the island for the same purpose, and Surgeon P. C. Kalloch and Passed Assistant Surgeon J. B. Stoner, United States Marine-Hospital Service, have been ordered to the east coast of Florida to aid in the prevention of such communication. Their arrival has been reported.

One case of yellow fever at Tortugas Quarantine.

[Telegram.]

The following telegram has been received from Passed Assistant Surgeon L. L. Williams, United States Marine-Hospital Service, in command of the National Quarantine Station at Tortugas, Fla.:

AUGUST 19, 1898.—Lieutenant Lewis, officer of the Texas Volunteers, ill here with yellow fever. He left Key West on the 16th, and was taken ill yesterday. He was removed to Bird Key to-day. I believe I can destroy focus.

One case of yellow fever at South Atlantic Quarantine.

On the 19th instant the United States steamship *Woodbury* (a revenue cutter, attached to the Navy during the war with Spain) arrived at Charleston Quarantine from Key West, Fla., and on being boarded by the health officer was found to have a suspicious case of fever. The vessel was remanded to South Atlantic Quarantine Station for disinfection and treatment. In regard to this case the medical officer in command at that quarantine station reports under date of the 21st instant that 1 case of suspected yellow fever from the *Woodbury* has been isolated.

On the 23d instant the case removed from the *Woodbury* was reported to be a case of yellow fever. The vessel has been disinfected, and is being held for observation.